

ORDINANCE NO. 01-405

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS
AMENDING CHAPTER 4.24 OF TITLE 4 OF THE RESTRUCTURED LOS ALTOS
MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO REGULATION OF SOLICITATIONS IN
RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS AS TO TIME OF DAY AND PROPERTY OWNER
POSTINGS OF SIGNS PROHIBITING SUCH SOLICITATIONS**

The City Council of the City of Los Altos does hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. FINDINGS. The City Council of the City of Los Altos hereby finds:

- a) That many of the City's residential districts do not have sidewalks or street lighting thereby requiring persons walking upon the public streets to walk in the travel lane where automobile traffic is present which presents particular hazards during darkness; and
- b) The City Council further finds that during the early morning hours there is a significant amount of vehicular and pedestrian traffic and children on their way to school, and
- c) The City Council therefore finds and concludes that restrictions are appropriate to limit the times that persons go upon private property in said residential districts for the purpose of soliciting contributions or sales as described in Section 4.24.030 of the Los Altos Municipal Code so as to reduce the possibility of traffic congestion and injury, and .
- d) The City Council further finds that clarification of the information placed on signs which may be posted by private property owners informing solicitors that this activity is prohibited will be useful; and
- e) The public health, safety, morals and general welfare will be served by a revision to the regulations regarding the posting of signs in Section 4.24.010 and the time limits governing the activities described in Section 4.24.030 of the Los Altos Municipal Code.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT OF CODE: Section 4.24.010 of the Los Altos Municipal Code is hereby amended by revising subsection B thereof to read as follows:

"Section 4.24.010 Soliciting and peddling unlawful.

- B. If said property has posted thereon a conspicuously located sign of easily discernible size, stating, "No Peddlers, Solicitors, or Handbills," or any similar wording advising that peddling and/or soliciting is prohibited, any peddling, solicitation or distribution of commercial handbills under this section or Section 9.08.060 of this code shall be a misdemeanor."

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT OF CODE: Section 4.24.030 of the Los Altos Municipal code is hereby amended by revising Section D thereof to read as follows:

"Section 4.24.030.D

- D. Solicitations in residential zone districts shall be limited to the hours of 9:00 a.m. to one-half hour after sunset. Solicitations in other zone districts shall be limited to the hours of 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Permits shall be valid for two weeks and may be renewed once annually.

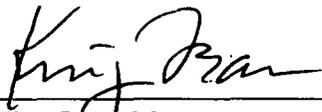
A permit may not be issued more than one time in any six month period for any one organization."

SECTION 4. PUBLICATION: A summary of this ordinance shall be published as provided for in California Government Code Section 36933.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE: This ordinance shall be effective upon the commencement of the thirty-first day following the adoption date.

The foregoing ordinance was duly and regularly introduced at a meeting of the City Council of the City of Los Altos on October, 23, 2001, and was thereafter, at a regular meeting held on November, 13, 2001, passed and adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Lear, Councilmembers Becker, Casto, La Poll, and Moss
Noes: None
Absent: None



King Lear, Mayor

Attest:


Carol Scharz, City Clerk